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counsel, hereby gives notice that it is removing this action from Pima

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County Superior Court to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446.

I. This Court has Diversity Jurisdiction Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332

A. There is Diversity Between the Parties Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332

Defendant LTL Transport Inc. is entitled to remove this action to the United States District Court because there is complete diversity between the parties. Plaintiff Steve Rue alleges in his Complaint that he is a resident of Pima County, Arizona. (See Attached Exhibit A, copy of Complaint, Pima County Superior Court Case No. 20112739). Plaintiff Steve Rue alleges in his Complaint that Defendants Davedillon Sevilla Dancel and Jane Doe Dancel are residents of Los Angeles County, California, and that Defendant D & D Transport is a foreign entity. (See Attached Exhibit A). Plaintiff Steve Rue alleges in his Complaint that Defendants Charlotte M. Shropshire and John Doe Shropshire are residents of Denton County, Texas, and that Defendant LTL Transport Inc. is a foreign corporation. (See Attached Exhibit A). Defendant LTL Transport, Inc. is a Texas corporation, with its principal place of business in Texas.

B. The Amount of Controversy Exceeds \$75,000.00

In the Complaint, Plaintiff does not specifically list an amount in controversy, but Defendant LTL Transport, Inc., on information and belief, believes that the value of this claim may be equal to or exceed \$75,000. Plaintiff also certified in his previous filings that his damages exceed the Pima County Superior Court's minimum jurisdiction of \$50,000.00. Based on this certification, the amount in controversy exceeds this Court's diversity jurisdictional limit of \$75,000.00.

II. <u>Defendant LTL Transport, Inc. Has Met All Procedural</u> Requirements to Remove this Action

- A. Plaintiff filed his Complaint on April 13, 2011. (See Attached Exhibit A). Defendant LTL Transport, Inc. was served on April 21, 2011. (See Attached Exhibit B, Affidavit of Service as to Defendant LTL Transport, Inc.). This Notice of Removal has been timely filed within thirty (30) days of the service date, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- **B.** Defendant LTL Transport, Inc. have attached copies of the Complaint, and Affidavit of Service as to Defendant LTL Transport, Inc., as Exhibits A and B, which are all the court documents in its possession.
- **C.** Defendant LTL Transport, Inc. has concurrently filed a copy of this Notice with the Pima County, Arizona, Superior Court.

1	D. 1	Defendant LTL Transport has served upon Plaintiff and	
2	Defendants Dancel and D & D Transport a copy of this Notice.		
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21	I HER	EBY CERTIFY that on May 19, 2011, I instructed my	
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